

NEWINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101, LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman James Marocchini
Commissioner Karen Faust
Commissioner Stanley Marcinczyk
Commissioner David Marsden
Commissioner Mark Mnich
Commissioner Gregory Polk
Commissioner Fernando Rosa (excused)
Commissioner Thomas Shields
Commissioner Paul Vessella
Commissioner Linda Woods

Also present, Economic Development Director
Andrew Brecher

II. MEETING MINUTES May 1, 2013

Commissioner Polk made a motion to accept the May 1, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Shields made a motion to cancel the July and August meetings. Commissioner Mnich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Economic Director Brecher summarized the successful Business Breakfast with twenty-two members of the banking community in attendance .

B. DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE FOR CONSTITUTION SQUARE/MARKET SQUARE

Economic Director Brecher noted that the signage drawings have just been received and the next step will be the Town Attorney to negotiate with business owners. The electronic mapping service will include Constance Leigh Drive "extension". The entrance sign to Constitution Square will be by Steve's Place. Also, the concrete curbing will be repaired this month and will be included in the Town's yearly budget.

C. GATEWAY SIGNAGE

Commissioner Marcinczyk gave a photographic presentation of Newington's business center signs, which appeared to be in good condition. Commissioner Polk added that Mr. Chip Stamm has volunteered to be on the signage committee.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VIII. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Economic Director Brecher announced that Governor Dannel P. Malloy visited the future CTFastrak station on Cedar Street on May 13, 2013 to announce a \$2 million grant to demolish and remediate the blighted brownfield property. Also, the owners of the former Fafnir building are proposing to erect a moving gate located closer to Willard Avenue to allow a traffic flow out onto Cedar Street and they will engage an engineer to provide a practical solution.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of realigning Alumni Road which is located off of Cedar Street and Director Brecher indicated that he expects this to become a future priority project for Newington.

In addition, the owners at the top of East Cedar Street have met with the Town Planner, Craig Minor and an assisted living and day care centers have been proposed for development. There will also be a low impact development meeting to be held on June 17, 2013; International Bridge and Iron on Day Street will hold a materials auction event on June 26, 2013. Also, at the Newington junction, CROGG has hired a market planning company in order to help commuters and a meeting will be held this Friday, June 7, 2013.

Economic Director Brecher then gave an in-depth screen presentation which he had originally presented to the Town Council regarding the ongoing development of Best Market at Northwood Plaza, following his visit to the Long Island headquarters in West Babylon, New York.

VIII. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Polk announced that Cruising Newington will be held June 13, 2013 and that the 68th Annual Dinner Awards presentation on May 30, 2013 was held at the Hartford Saengerbund with Senior Center Director Dianne Stone highlighting the town's Dial-a-Ride program, among other outstanding presentations.

Chairman Marocchini distributed an updated Economic Development Commission member roster.

Commissioner Shields also suggested that at next year's business breakfast, a highlight could be the presentation of an award to a local business.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shields made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vessella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,


Sophie Glenn
Recording Secretary